

1 CLAIMS

2 We Claim

- 3 1. A system for investing in a stocks comprising:
4 a process for screening and sorting and picking stock to
5 purchase where one of the screening criteria is the
6 existence of a market for options contract for the stock;
7 a process for the periodic purchase of blocks of stock
8 where the size of the size of blocks relate to the number
9 of shares in an option contract; and
10 a process for the sale of options for the blocks of stock
11 currently owned in the picked stock.
- 12 2. The system of claim 1 where the process for the periodic
13 purchase of blocks of stock further comprises a constraint
14 that spreads out the price of stocks purchased by
15 preventing the purchase of too many shares a prices that
16 are too close together.
- 17 3. The system of claim 1 where the process for sale of option
18 contracts prevents the sale of options which if exercised
19 would result in a net loss.
- 20 4. The system of claim 3 where the process for sale of options
21 takes into consideration the brokerage expenses and premium
22 income from the sale of option contracts.
- 23 5. The system of claim 1 wherein the screening and sorting and
24 picking process includes liquidity constraints.

1 6. The system of claim 5 wherein the liquidity constraint
2 includes a lower limit of the volume of trading in the
3 stock.

4 7. The system of claim 5 wherein the liquidity constraint
5 includes based on the lower floor of the price of the
6 stock.

7 8. The system of claim 5 wherein the liquidity constraint is
8 an option liquidity constraint.

9 9. A system for investing in a stocks comprising:

10 a process for screening and sorting and picking stock to
11 purchase where -

12 stocks with no option contract market are exclude,
13 a liquidity constraint are imposed to exclude stocks
14 based on risk of difficult of selling the stock, and
15 stocks are sorted by the option contract bid price so
16 that preference is given to stocks with higher option
17 contract bid prices;

18 a process for the periodic purchase of blocks of stock
19 where the size of the size of blocks relate to the number
20 of shares in an option contract where -

21 a clustering constraint prevent the clustering of too
22 many shares of stock at similar purchase prices; and
23 a process for the sale of options for the blocks of stock
24 currently owned in the picked stock where -

1 a stock bundler bundles the blocks of stock based on
2 the purchase price of the stock to optimize the income
3 from the sale of option contracts.

4 10. The system of claim 9 wherein the constraint that prevents
5 the clustering of too many shares of stock provides the option
6 of selling a put in the stock if the clustering constraint
7 prevents a purchase of a block of stock.

8 11. The system for managing a stock holding position by
9 spreading the purchase of stock over a period of time while
10 simultaneously and periodically selling option contracts in the
11 purchased stock which incorporates a band rule constraint which
12 prevents purchasing too many shares of stock at prices that are
13 grouped too closely together and bundling system for bundling
14 stocks based on their price to maximize the premium income that
15 can be obtained from selling option contracts profitably for the
16 stock holding.